

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 November 16 2015 to 0600 November 17 2015



Yosemite Valley from Glacier Point

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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News – Significant Events

U.S. Republicans Seek to Shut Door on Syrian Refugees After Paris

(Reuters) More than a dozen state governors refused on Monday to accept Syrian refugees after the Paris attacks, part of a mounting Republican backlash against the Obama administration's plan to accept thousands more immigrants from the war-torn country. Leading Republican presidential candidates called on President Barack Obama to suspend the plan to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees in the coming year and some Republican lawmakers began moves in Congress to try to defund the policy. The State Department said the administration would stand by its plan, reiterating that the refugees would be subject to stringent security checks, and Obama said that the terrorism problem should not be equated with the refugee crisis. But Republican leaders said it was too risky to allow a further influx of refugees after Friday's attacks by the Syria-based Islamic State group that killed 129 people. The Republican states rejecting further Syrian refugee settlements were South Carolina, Oklahoma, Idaho, Maine, Nebraska, Texas, Arkansas, Arizona, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Ohio, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Georgia and Illinois. The governors of Alabama and Michigan had said on Sunday they would no longer help settle Syrian refugees. One Democratic governor, Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, joined them in rejecting Syrian refugees. Experts in immigration law said the governors likely had no legal standing to block the federal government from settling refugees admitted into the country, but noted that they could obstruct the plans by cutting funding to programs and creating an atmosphere of hostility.

International News – Significant Events

Passenger Train Derails in Southwestern Pakistan, Killing 12

(AP) A train carrying 280 passengers derailed in a remote area of southwestern Pakistan on Tuesday, killing the train driver and 11 passengers and injuring at least 57 people, officials said. Senior police officer Tahir Mahmood said the accident took place near the village of Abe Ghum as the train was en route to the garrison city of Rawalpindi from Quetta, the capital of impoverished Baluchistan province. Railway official Iqbal Ahmed said a technical fault in the engine caused the accident. Train accidents are common in Pakistan, where tracks and bridges are often poorly maintained. Also, Baluchistan province where Tuesday's crash occurred, has long been the center of a low-level insurgency by nationalist groups that demand more autonomy and a greater share in the region's natural resources.

Strong Quake Hits Greek Island of Lefkada, 2 Dead

(AP) strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of at least 6.1 hit the western Greek island of Lefkada on Tuesday, killing two people and causing extensive damage to infrastructure and buildings on Lefkada and nearby islands. The temblor was felt across western Greece, which is very earthquake-prone, with people on Lefkada and the nearby Ionian Sea island of Kefalonia rushing out onto the streets. Greek authorities were struggling to assess the damage, their efforts hampered by landslides that blocked Lefkada's network of narrow, mountainous roads. Earthquakes are common in Greece, which is one of the world's most seismically active areas, though serious injuries and deaths are rare. A severe quake near Athens in 1999 killed 143 people, and caused extensive damage through the Greek capital.

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Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

- High Wind Warnings in effect until 1400 this afternoon for areas in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.
- [High Wind Warning in effect from 1600 this afternoon to 0700 Wednesday for areas in Modoc County.](#)
- Freeze Warnings in effect until 0800 this morning for areas in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Tulare, and Ventura Counties.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A warm front will continue to bring periods of rain to northern portions of northwest California today and tonight. Mendocino and Trinity Counties are expected to remain dry. A series of weak disturbances will clip northwest California through the rest of the week while temperatures remain near or slightly above seasonal normal.

Medford Weather:

Incoming short waves will bring rounds of showers and gusty winds to the area today and Wednesday. Snow levels will be quite high by the time precipitation develops, reaching 6500 to 7000 feet by this afternoon and remaining around that range into Wednesday night. Gusty winds will occur primarily over the ridges and east of the Cascades.

Reno Weather:

Generally dry weather with lighter winds and a warming trend is expected through this week. The exception will be near the Oregon border where a few light rain or snow showers are possible at times through Saturday, along with a moderate increase in winds.

San Francisco Weather:

A warming trend is expected through late week as high pressure builds over the eastern Pacific. Long range forecasts are in good agreement that a system will move to the region in the middle of next week with rain expected.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather is expected for most of the area for the remainder of the week, although some light precipitation may occur at times over the far northern portion of the state.

Hanford Weather:

Clear skies and a slight warming trend forecast for the next several days as weak high pressure moves in. However, freezing temperatures will start the day this morning over parts of the San Joaquin Valley.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Gusty northeast winds will continue today. A warming trend will begin today and peak Friday with above normal temperatures. A cooling trend and dry weather are expected over the weekend and into early next week.

Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Cold temperatures expected this morning over the high deserts, mountains, and wind-sheltered valleys. Moderate to locally strong north-northeast winds will continue over portions of the forecast area this morning, weakening this afternoon. Warmer with mostly clear skies and weak offshore flow Wednesday through Friday. Cooler conditions forecast this weekend with onshore flow returning by early next week.

Southeast California Weather:

After the coolest morning so far this fall, sunny skies and continued cool daytime temperatures are in store for the forecast area today. Temperatures will continue to moderate through the work week, with a return of afternoon highs in the 70s and 80s as high pressure builds in the region.

Damaging Winds Across Portions of SW California

Highlights:

- Mountains - damaging wind gusts 60-70 mph through Tuesday.
- LA County Valleys/Coast - gusts 40-50 mph.
- SBA South Coast - gusts 40 mph.



Impact Potential:

- Numerous downed trees and power lines
- Power outages
- Hazardous driving conditions for high profile vehicles
- Strong cross-winds at LAX
- Elevated fire danger

HAZARDS

Blowing Sand



Antelope Valley

Strong Winds



Cross-Winds



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Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA

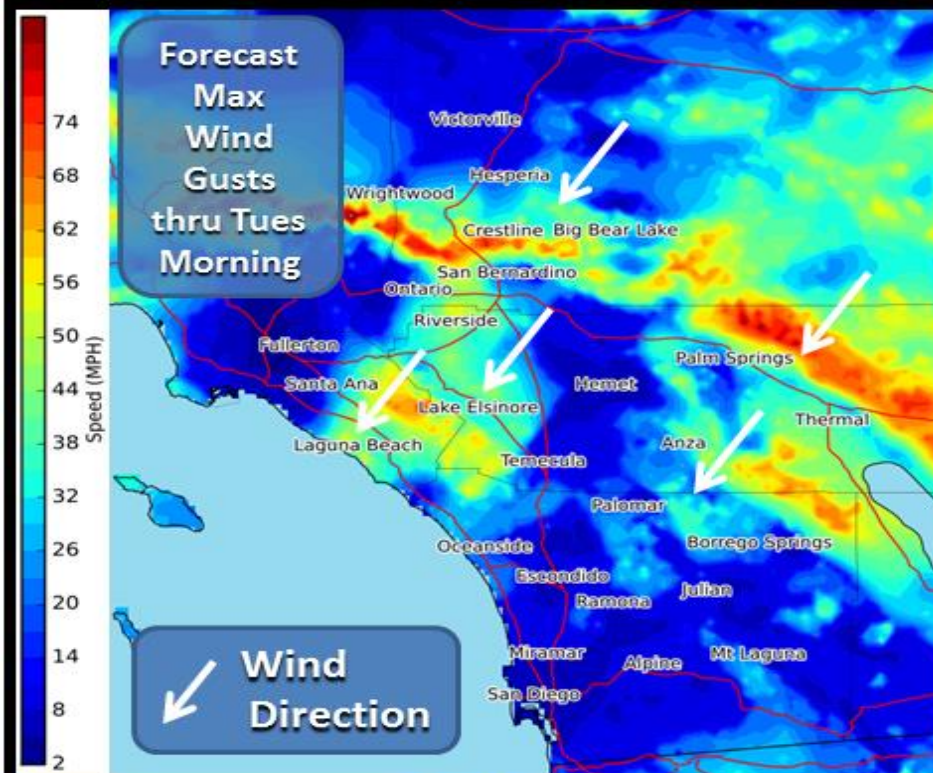
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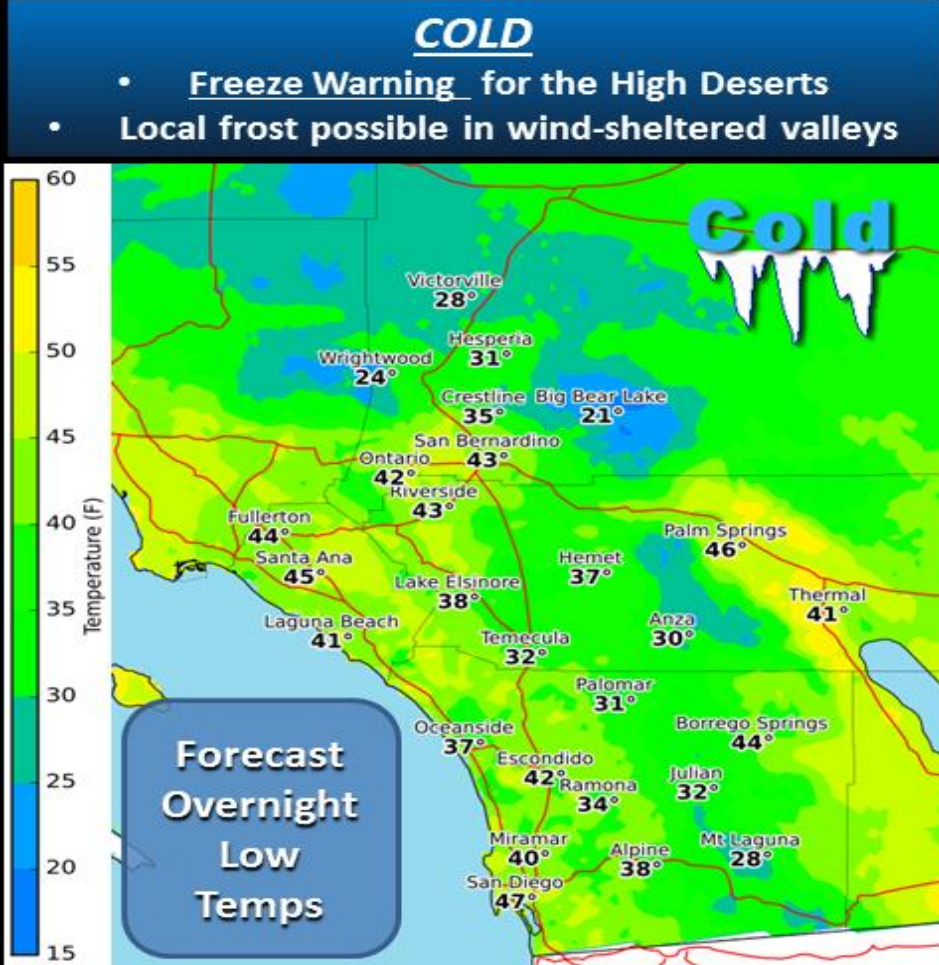
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COLD AND LOCALLY WINDY THROUGH TUESDAY MORNING



WINDS

Northeast winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts of 45-55 mph through Tues morning for the ridges, through and below the passes and canyons, into the coastal foothills and locally into the O.C. coastal areas. Gusts as high as 70 mph possible in the windiest spots.



- Freeze Warning for the High Deserts
- Local frost possible in wind-sheltered valleys



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San Diego, CA

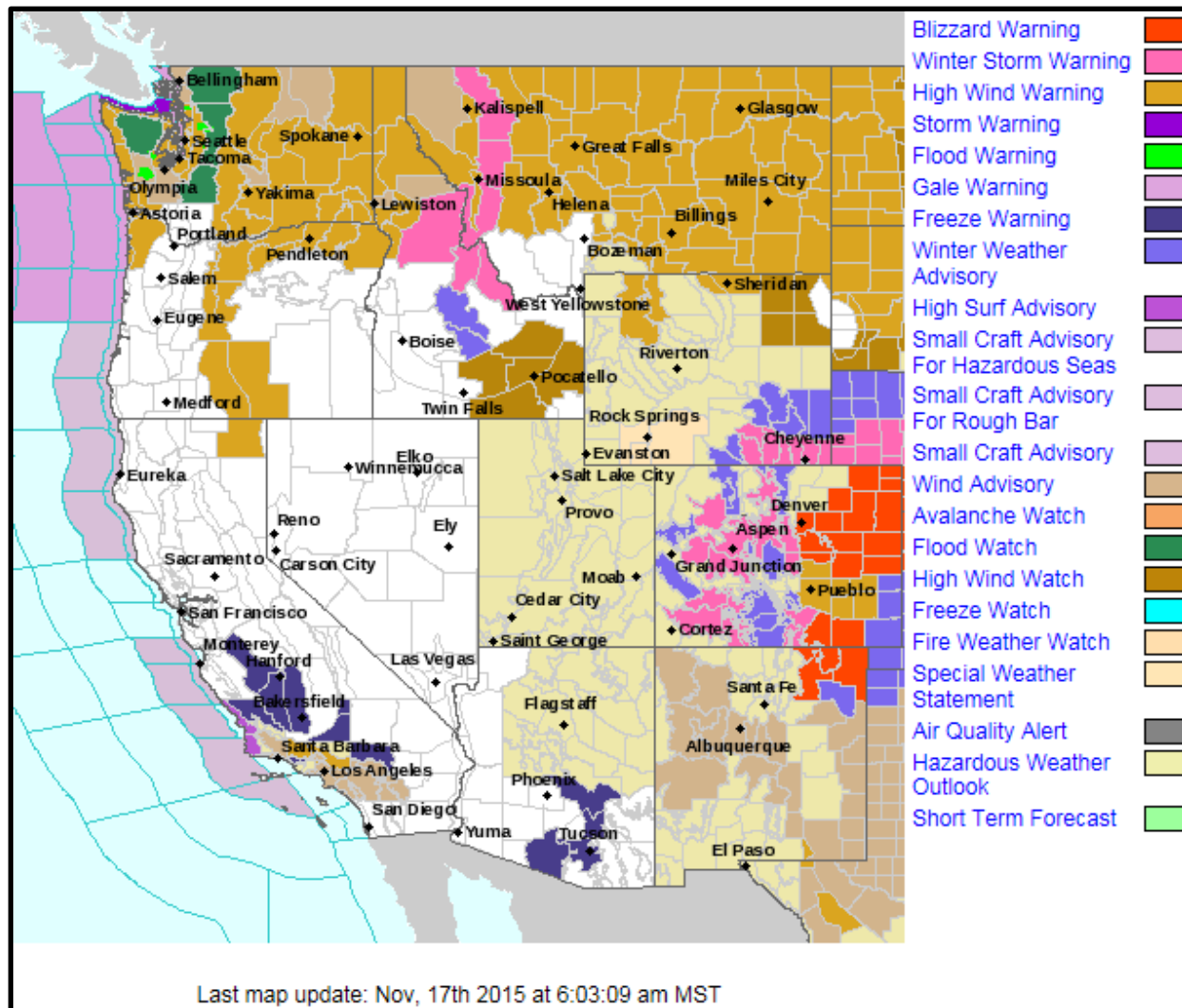
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STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

FIRE ACTIVITY

FIRES, SOUTHERN OPERATIONS AREA

Sharp, Vegetation Fire, Ventura County

Per CAL FIRE as of 11/16/15 at 2141 hours:

Location: 4 miles east of the Piru community

Jurisdiction: SRA

Start Time: 11/16/15 at 1908 hours

- 20 Acres, 0% Contained
- Moderate Rate of Spread
- Current threat to power lines
- Ventura and Los Angeles County conducting night rotary wing operations
- CAL FIRE ground resources assigned

CAL OES Recovery

Inyo County Flooding

- Inyo County experienced flooding October 15 through October 18, 2105, in Death Valley and requested assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Although the county did not report physical losses to homes and businesses, information indicated there may be economic losses to businesses. Cal OES IA is currently working with Inyo County on capturing economic loss information for businesses. If the County is able to provide information to the State that reveals at least five businesses have suffered substantial economic injury within 120 days from the incident period of the disaster, a formal request may be sent from Cal OES requesting SBA implement its Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).

Los Angeles County Flooding

- On October 15, 2015, heavy rain and hail occurred in the Palmdale-Lancaster area at approximately 3:00 pm, which caused mudslides and flash floods, and resulted in road closures, stranded vehicles, power outages and other damages. Portions of Interstate 5 and other roads in the area were closed. Evacuation centers were opened for those not sheltering in place as necessary. Areas most impacted by the incident include the unincorporated areas of Lake Elizabeth, Hughes Lake, Leona Valley, Green Valley and the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale. Currently, a gubernatorial State of Emergency has not been proclaimed. Los Angeles County opened a Local Assistance Center (LAC) October 30-31, 2015, and November 7, 2015. State participation included representatives from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Contractors State License Board, and Department of Insurance. On November 4-5, 2015, representatives from Los Angeles County, Cal OES IA, and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) conducted a joint preliminary damage assessment (PDA). Based on the findings, Cal OES submitted a request for a physical loss disaster declaration to SBA on November 12, 2015. If a declaration is approved, SBA will make low-interest loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses, and private non-profit organizations to apply.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC every other Monday at 1100 hours.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 62 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 28 Counties: Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.